

JESUS SETS US FREE

THE VOICE OF OUR REDEEMER & ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCHES

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Services: Saturday 5 PM in Kampsville
& Sunday 9A.M. with Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.

March/ April 2021

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again."?"

- John 2:19

The service on February 21 had 42 in attendance. It was the first time in quite a while that we had a real need for the overflow seating in the fellowship hall that we had arranged with the TV sharing the service from upstairs. It was a good thing.

We are very grateful for our county health department's excellent work in getting the COVID vaccine to so many. Hopefully as more of us are able to take advantage of that and the threat from this current pandemic subsides we will have many more Sundays that are the "largest in a while". Hopefully things will get back closer to normal (though as you will note in the next column, we are not quite there for Easter Breakfast yet).

Throughout this very long year we can rejoice that while we may long for the fellowship that we have lost with one another to resume – which is very good and Hebrews tells us that we should not give it up – we have another fellowship. Jesus' risen body is our temple. We don't need to go to Jerusalem or any other special location. Even when we must keep a distance from each other the resurrection of Jesus has eternally removed any distance between Him and us.

Blessings on your Lent & Easter,

Pastor Steve

Bible Study Options for everyone:

- The Sunday morning (and Saturday afternoon) Adult Bible studies continue to work their way through Mark's Gospel. Come join us.
- The Sunday School has resumed in Carrollton and invites you to come and help prepare your children to celebrate Easter with a greater understanding of the meaning of this festival.
- The Tuesday 9 AM Ladies Bible Study is looking at several LWML studies, come join them.

Easter Plans and Corona Changes:

After discussions with other area Pastors, the Ladies Aid and Elders in Carrollton it has been decided that we will not have Easter Breakfast this April, but especially weather permitting we are hoping to offer some rolls, juice, coffee and fellowship options between Easter Services. Things are improving and indoor dining is allowed, but the needed restrictions at this time for a full meal would seem likely to put a damper on the fellowship aspect of this meal.

Easter Egg Hunts which can be outside and more socially distant without losing their fun are still being planned. In Carrollton this will take place at 8:15 AM on Easter Sunday. The time in Kampsville is not yet set.

Saint John Kampsville will have the Easter Eve service this year. Finalizing those plans is still happening, but for those from Carrollton who have come for the special service starting outside with a little bonfire in the past, do please join us for a similar service.

Worship Continues online

For those who have been making use of the services on our Facebook page, they will continue for the next two months at least. Even if you aren't on Facebook you should be able to reach them through a link on our website:

www.our-redeemer-lutheran-church.org

We certainly hope that you will also contact Pastor in some way to receive the Lord's Supper in a way that feels safe for you. With Spring weather returning giving communion to you in your car or on your front porch is an option that should work most days.

Call if you have thoughts or questions or ideas about all the things that are going on and being planned at church. Your thoughts matter very much to all of us.

MARCH WORSHIP PLANS:

- 3rd – Third Wednesday of Lent (7 PM)
Passion Reading 2: “A Rocky Start”
- 6th & 7th - Third Sunday in Lent
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 “Christ Crucified because...”
- 10th – Fourth Wednesday of Lent (7 PM)
Passion Reading 3 – “What is Better?”
- 13th & 14th -Fourth Sunday in Lent
John 3:14-21 “The Basis of Judgment”
- 17th – Fifth Wednesday of Lent (7 PM)
Passion Reading 4 – “A Not-of-this-world Kingdom”
- 20th & 21st Fifth Sunday in Lent
Mark 10:32-45 “Not the Way”
- 24th – Sixth Wednesday of Lent (7 PM)
Passion Reading 5 – “With Him in Paradise”
- 27th & 28th - Palm Sunday
Philippians 2:5-11 “He Emptied Himself”

APRIL WORSHIP PLANS:

- 1st - Maundy Thursday (7 PM)
Mark 14:12-26 “One who is Eating with Me”
- 2nd - Good Friday (7 PM)
Isaiah 52:13-53:12 “We Thought Nothing of Him”
- 3rd – Easter Eve Vigil (**5 PM -or later??**)
- 4th – Easter Sunrise Service (6:30 AM)
John 20:1-18 “The Ascending Gardener”
- 4th – Easter Celebration Service (9 AM)
Mark 16:1-8 “Alarm Replaced by...”
- 10th & 11th - 2nd Sunday of Easter
1 John 1-2:2 “Touching Forgiveness”
- 17th & 18th – Third Sunday of Easter
1 John 3:1-7 “Grounded and Growing”
- 24th & 25th – Fourth Sunday of Easter
1 John 3:16-24 “Love the Won’t Run Away”

Congregation Member Address and Phone

information needs to be updated for a new church directory (especially since Greene County no longer has Rural Route addresses). If you haven’t yet checked your listing with the office directory in the entryway, please do so. Feel free to simply E-mail your current information to pastor (see the first page of the newsletter for E-mail address).

Happy Birthday!

March:

- 1- Matthew Berry
Linda Ulery
- 2- Leigh Ann Henline
- 4- Sylvia Crawford
- 6- Richie Ulery
- 9- Laurye Davis
- Denise Varble
- 15- Connie Custer
- 18- Alfonso Sasieta
- 19- Joshua Jacobsen
- 22- Kendra Davis
- 23- Eric Thaxton
- 28- Kristie Cook
Sofia Droste

April:

- 1- Jody Woods
- 6- Carolyn Ommen
- 7- Samuel Droste
- 10- Margaret Varble
- 12- Paul Spencer
Alex Baker
- 13- Kathy Mattis
- 14- James Custer
- Katera Ulery
- 18- Emily Strubble
- 20- Jessica Jones
- Lillie Purcell
- 21- Hannah
Lesemann
- 24- Lisa Jacobsen
- 25- Cash Kaufman
- 30- Kris Lehr
Tammy Lehr

Happy Baptism Birthday!

March:

- 1- Nadia Berry
- 2- Brittney Lehr
Betty Reno
Paul Spencer
- 3- Martha Bland
Tamara Kessinger
- 5- Gordon Rahe
- 7- Cain Tittsworth
Kaydince Tittsworth
- 12- Brian Darr
- 15- Kathleen Travis
- 19- Vicky Vetter
- 20- Kelsey Howland
Terri Howland
- 24 – Dalton Varble
- 26- Matthew Berry
Donna Childress
Mark Childress
Joshua Jacobsen
- 29- Jessica Reno

April:

- 1- Dave Thompson
- 2- Jim Reno
- 6- Emily Carroll
Tyler Jones
- 8- Mary Lou Lehr
- 9- Zachary Jones
- 10- Cody Rief
Ashli Lee
Angela Lott
- 12- Linda Ulery
- 14- Laurye Davis
- Nancy Reno
- 18- Kendra Davis
- 25- Sylvia Crawford
Hannah Lesemann
- 26- David Reno
- Carolyn Ommen
- 29- Alex Rahe

Ladies Aid – (President Joyce Grizzle)

We will continue meeting on the third Monday of Each month at 1 PM.

Our Zone Spring Prayer Breakfast will be happening on March 13th starting at 9 AM in Prairietown this year. There won't be a breakfast connected with it this year as there are still concerns about Corona Virus.

District LWML plans are also affected. We won't have an in-person District Spring Event. But Pastors Krenz & Jacobsen will be leading a pair of online Live Bible Studies using the District LWML Facebook page. (Please find, like and follow it.) Pastor Krenz will lead one on April 22 and Pastor Jacobsen (hopefully with some of us in attendance in person) will lead the second one on April 29 at 6:30 PM in Our Redeemer's Fellowship Hall.

Our Zone Spring Workshop at Dorsey has been postponed until May 15. Also the June National Convention is still being planned at this time if someone is interested. More on that and many other items from the national LWML can be found online at <https://www.lwml.org/home>

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13

Food Pantry

We are very grateful that Bernie Faul has taken over for the time being the work that Kathy Harms did at the Pantry for so long. At the April 13th meeting (in our fellowship hall) there will be a lot to discuss as we continue to work on plans and elect/re-elect officers.

We can always use more help when we host the Carrollton Food Pantry from 1-3 PM (our next turn will be April 21). There is still a need for cold & hot cereals, saltine crackers, jelly, peanut butter, juices (apple, orange, etc.), pancake mixes & syrup as we stock the shelves. There is a collection box is at top of basement stairs, near coat rack. Thank you!

Attendance for the past two months:

	1/2-3	1/9-10	1/16-17	1/23-24	1/30-31	2/6-7	2/13-14	2/20-21
5 PM Kampsville	12	9	11	14	7	12	3	8
9 AM Carrollton	30	33	28	33	37	26	19	42

Other Services: 1/2 10 AM – 2, 2/17 7 PM – 7, 2/24 -14

Meeting times for Church Council, Elders, Evangelism & Church Voters... are on the calendar. Transfer these to your calendars and watch the Sunday Bulletins for any specifics.

March 2021

	1	2 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	3 7 PM Lent Service 7 :45 PM Church Voters Meeting	4 1:30 PM Mt. Gilead Service	5	6
7	8	9 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	10 7 PM Lent Service	11	12	13 9 AM LWML Prayer Breakfast at St Peter in Prairietown
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins – forward 1 hour	15 1 PM Ladies Aid	16 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	17 7 PM Lent Service	18	19	20
21	22	23 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	24 7 PM Lent Service 7:45 Elders	25 2pm White Hall Service	26	27
28	29	30 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	31	Services with Holy Communion every Saturday at 5 PM in Kampsville & at 9 A.M. every Sunday in Carrollton Bible Study every Sunday at 10:15 A.M. & Saturday at 3:45 PM in Kampsville		

April 2021

Services with Holy Communion every Saturday at 5 PM in Kampsville & at 9 A.M. every Sunday in Carrollton Bible Study every Sunday at 10:15 A.M. & Saturday at 3:45 PM in Kampsville				1 5:30 PM Elders 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service	2 7 PM Good Friday Service	3 5 PM Easter Candlelight Vigil
4 Easter Sunday 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 8:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt 9 AM Celebration Service	5	6 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	7 7:30 Church Council Meeting	8	9	10
11	12	13 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study 2 PM Carrollton Food Pantry Meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19 1 PM Ladies Aid	20 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	21 1-3 We Host Food Pantry	22	23	24
25	26	27 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	28 5:30 PM Elders Meeting	29	30	